

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

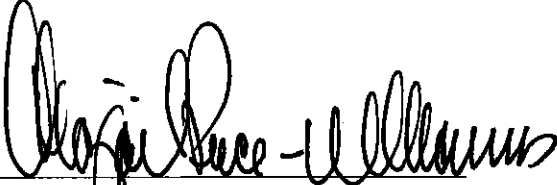
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 19, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
United States Congress to
enact S. 636, H.R. 549, or
similar legislation granting
temporary protected status to
Venezuelan nationals; further
urging President Donald Trump
and the United States Secretary
of Homeland Security to grant
temporary protected status to
Venezuelan nationals living in
the United States

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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3-19-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 636, H.R. 549, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION GRANTING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO VENEZUELAN NATIONALS; FURTHER URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO VENEZUELAN NATIONALS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019, United States Congressmen Darren Soto (D – Florida) and Mario Diaz-Balart (R – Florida) introduced House of Representatives Bill 549 (H.R. 549), entitled the Venezuelan TPS Act of 2019, for consideration during the 116th Congress; and

WHEREAS, similarly, on February 28, 2019, United States Senator Bob Menendez (D – New Jersey) introduced Senate Bill 636, cosponsored by United States Senator Marco Rubio (R – Florida), for consideration during the 116th Congress; and

WHEREAS, S. 636 and H.R. 549 would each designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 549 includes numerous Congressional findings regarding Venezuela’s “unprecedented economic, humanitarian, security, and refugee crisis, consisting of extreme food and medicine shortages, severe infant and child malnutrition, rampant crime, and government-sponsored repression”; and

WHEREAS, the current humanitarian crisis in Venezuela prevents Venezuelan nationals from safely returning to Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 549 would extend temporary protected status to Venezuelan nationals for 18 months, allowing them to legally obtain employment in the United States and avoid deportation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these bills, on March 7, 2019, 24 United States Senators penned a letter to President Donald Trump requesting that his administration designate Venezuela for temporary protected status; and

WHEREAS, this Board, pursuant to Resolution No. R-788-17, has previously urged President Donald Trump and the Department of Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to Venezuelan nationals living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Board continues to believe that Venezuelan nationals who have fled the oppressive Maduro regime and sought shelter in the United States should not be forced to return home prior to the restoration of democracy in Venezuela,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact S. 636, H.R. 549, or similar legislation granting temporary protected status to Venezuelan nationals.

Section 2. Further urges President Donald Trump and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to Venezuelan nationals living in the United States.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, United States Senators Bob Menendez and Marco Rubio, United States Representatives Darren Soto and Mario Diaz-Balart, the remaining members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2019 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman | |
| Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Sally A. Heyman |
| Eileen Higgins | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Joe A. Martinez | Jean Monestime |
| Dennis C. Moss | Sen. Javier D. Souto |
| Xavier L. Suarez | |

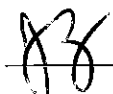
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of March, 2019. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Javier Zapata